

EXHIBIT 15

SENTENCING ORDER

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

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Hearing Date: JULY 15TH, 2019

Judge: RICHARD E. MOORE

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

v.

JAMES A. FIELDS, DEFENDANT

This case came before the Court for sentencing of the defendant, who appeared in Court in custody, with his attorneys DENISE LUNSFORD and JOHN HILL. JOSEPH PLATANIA, Commonwealth's Attorney and NINA ANTONY, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, represented the Commonwealth.

On December 7th, 2018, pursuant to the jury's verdict, the defendant was found guilty of the following offense:

CHARGE NUMBER	OFFENSE DESCRIPTION AND INDICATOR (F/M)	OFFENSE DATE	VA. CODE SECTION	VA CRIME CODE
17-296-01	First Degree Murder(F)	08/12/17	18.2-32	MUR0925F2
17-296-02	Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51	ASL1334F3
17-296-03	Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51	ASL1334F3
17-296-04	Aggravated Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51.2	ASL1336F2
17-296-05	Leaving The Scene Of An Accident (F)	08/12/17	D.46.2-894	HIT6608F5
17-296-06	Aggravated Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51.2	ASL1336F2
17-296-07	Aggravated Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51.2	ASL1336F2
17-296-08	Aggravated Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51.2	ASL1336F2
17-296-09	Aggravated Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51.2	ASL1336F2
17-296-10	Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51	ASL1334F3

The presentence investigation report and sentencing guidelines were considered and are ordered filed as a part of the record in this case in accordance with the provisions of Code §19.2-299.

Additional evidence was presented by the Commonwealth.

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Pursuant to the provisions of Code §19.2-298.01, the Court has considered and reviewed the applicable discretionary sentencing guidelines and the guidelines worksheets. The sentencing guidelines worksheets and the written explanation of any departure from the guidelines are ordered filed as a part of the record in this case.

Defense counsel renewed their previous motions made to the Court and the Court denies such motions for the same reasons previously stated.

Before pronouncing the sentence, the Court inquired if the defendant desired to make a statement and if the defendant desired to advance any reason why judgment should not be pronounced.

The Court adopts the jurors sentencing recommendations and **SENTENCES** the defendant to Incarceration with the Virginia Department of Corrections/incarceration in jail as follows:

CASE NUMBER	SENTENCE IMPOSED	SENTENCE SUSPENDED	ACTIVE TIME
17-296-01	Life Sentence Fine: \$100,000	NONE	Life Sentence Fine: \$100,000
17-296-02	20 years Fine: \$10,000	NONE	20 years Fine: \$10,000
17-296-03	20 years Fine: \$10,000	NONE	20 years Fine: \$10,000
17-296-04	70 years Fine: \$70,000	NONE	70 years Fine: \$70,000
17-296-05	9 years	NONE	9 years
17-296-06	70 years Fine: \$70,000	NONE	70 years Fine: \$70,000
17-296-07	70 years Fine: \$70,000	NONE	70 years Fine: \$70,000
17-296-08	70 years Fine: \$70,000	NONE	70 years Fine: \$70,000
17-296-09	70 years Fine: \$70,000	NONE	70 years Fine: \$70,000
17-296-10	20 years Fine: \$10,000	NONE	20 years Fine: \$10,000

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These sentences shall run **CONSECUTIVELY** with each other and any other sentence.

The Court requests that the Department of Corrections consider placing the defendant at a facility where mental health treatment and services are available.

The Court **SUSPENDS** none of the defendant's sentence, but does impose the following:

Post Release supervision. In addition to the above sentence of incarceration, pursuant to Code § 18.2-10 and § 19.2-295.2, the court imposes an additional term of **THREE (3) YEARS** of incarceration. This additional three-year term is suspended, conditioned upon successful completion of a **THREE (3) YEAR** period of post-release supervision under the supervision of the Virginia Parole Board. The period of post-release supervision is to commence upon defendant's release from incarceration. The defendant shall comply with all the rules and requirements set by the Virginia Parole Board.

Costs. The defendant shall pay his court costs during his period of supervision.

Credit for time served. The defendant shall be given credit for time spent in confinement while awaiting trial pursuant to Code Section 53.1-187.

The defendant was advised by the Court of his right to appeal within 30 days of entry of this order and of his right to proceed in forma pauperis and to have the assistance of court-appointed counsel

11/8/19 ENTER: *Richard E. Moore*
DATE JUDGE

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION:

Alias: N/A SSN: 404-51-1159 DOB: 04/26/97 Sex: M

SENTENCING SUMMARY:

TOTAL SENTENCE IMPOSED: Life plus four hundred nineteen (419) years and four hundred eighty thousand dollar fine.

TOTAL SENTENCE SUSPENDED: NONE.

TOTAL ACTIVE SENTENCE: Life plus four hundred nineteen (419) years and four hundred eighty thousand dollar fine.

TOTAL POST RELEASE SUPERVISION: Three (3) years/three (3) years.

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Sentencing Guidelines Cover Sheet

Complete this form ONLY for applicable felonies sentenced on or after July 1, 2019

Scheduled Sentencing Date:

07/15/19

OFFENDER

First: JAMES Middle: ALEX Last: FIELDS Suffix:

Date of Birth: 04 26 1997 SSN: 404511159

CCRE: VA2445248J CORIS Offender ID: 1913360 PSI#: 454106

COURT

Judicial Circuit: 16 City/County: CHARLOTTESVILLE FIPS Code: 540

Sentencing Judge's Name: RICHARD E. MOORE

Preparer Name: RACHEL BIBB

Prosecuting Commonwealth's Attorney: JOSEPH PLATANIA

☐ Commonwealth's Attorney ☒ Probation Officer

Defense Attorney: DENISE LUNSFORD/JAMES HIL

CONVICTIONS

Offense	Counts	VCC	Offense Date
Primary Offense			Month Day Year
MURDER, 1ST DEGREE	1	MUR 0925 F2	8 12 17
Additional Offenses			
MALICIOUS WOUNDING	3	ASL 1334 F3	08 12 17
ASSAULT, MALIC; VICTIM INJURED	5	ASL 1336 F2	08 12 17

Primary Offense Code Section 5 18.2-32

Docket Number CR1700029601

METHOD OF ADJUDICATION

☒ Jury Trial Sentence Set by Jury: 419 0 0 ☒ Life ☐ Juvenile ☐ Fine Only

☐ Bench Trial ☐ Guilty Plea ☐ Alford Plea/Nolo contendere

SENTENCING GUIDELINES RECOMMENDATION

Section B

- ☐ Probation/No Incarceration
☐ Incarceration 1 Day to 3 Months
☐ Incarceration 1 Day to 6 Months
☐ Incarceration 3 to 6 Months
☐ Probation/No Incarceration or Incarceration to 6 Months

Section B
Mandatory Minimum

Section C

- ☐ Life Sentence
☒ Incarceration (Enter Midpoint and Range Below)

Range Midpoint 54 10 0

Sentence Range 41 2 0 TO 68 7 0

☐ Recommendation Adjusted for Mandatory Minimum

☐ Non Guidelines Offense
 (Primary offense is a non guidelines offense)

made partial record
 REM 7/15/19

Final Disposition Fill In After Sentence Has Been Pronounced

SENTENCE

FIELDS, JAMES ALEX

Total Time Imposed Before Suspension ☒ Life Sentence +

Years	Months	Days
419	0	0

Total Effective Time to Serve ☒ Life Sentence +

Years	Months	Days
419	0	0

☐ Sentenced to Time Served

Post Release				
Post Release Term § 18.2-10	<table border="1"><tr><td>3</td></tr></table>	3	<table border="1"><tr><td>0</td></tr></table>	0
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Post Release Supervision Period § 19.2-295.2(A)	<table border="1"><tr><td>3</td></tr></table>	3	<table border="1"><tr><td>0</td></tr></table>	0
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Probation Period (Supervised) § 19.2-303 ☐ Indefinite

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☐ Good Behavior Period § 19.2-306

0

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Check all that apply

- ☐ Incarceration Sentence to Run Concurrently With Another Sentencing Event
- ☐ Written Plea Agreement Accepted = Rule 3A:8(c)(1) (A) or (C)
- ☐ Plea and Recommendation Accepted = Rule 3A:8(c)(1)(B)
- ☐ Oral Sentence Recommendation Accepted
- ☐ Restitution \$

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- ☒ Fine \$

480,000.00

Other Sentencing Programs (check all that apply)

- ☐ Day Reporting
- ☐ Detention Center Incarceration
- ☐ Diversion Center Incarceration
- ☐ Electronic Monitoring
- ☐ Intensive Probation
- ☐ § 18.2-251/§ 18.2-258
- ☐ Substance Abuse Treatment
- ☐ Community-Based Program
- ☐ CCAP Detention/Diversion Center Incarceration, 22-28 weeks
- ☐ CCAP Detention/Diversion Center Incarceration, 42-48 weeks
- ☐ Drug Court
- ☐ Youthful Offender
- ☐ DJJ Commitment ☐ Indeterminate ☐ Determinate
- ☐ Other

REASON FOR DEPARTURE

Must be completed pursuant to § 19.2-298.01(B)

upward
 Jury verdict - 10 charges
 murder + multiple aggravated malicious wounding
 Extremely gruesome, horrible case.
 Extreme malice + hatred + ill will; severe injuries, defenseless victims

SENTENCING DATE

07

15

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Michael E. Moore
 Judge's Signature

ATTACH COURT ORDER AND MAIL Pursuant to § 19.2-298.01(E)

After sentencing, send to:

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Murder/Homicide Section A

Offender Name: FIELDS, JAMES ALEX

Primary Offense (scores for attempted/conspired offenses are in parentheses)

- A. First degree murder Completed: 1 count9
Attempted or conspired: 1 count(8)
- B. Second degree murder or felony homicide
Completed: 1 count8
Attempted or conspired: 1 count(4)
- C. Voluntary manslaughter
Attempted, conspired or completed: 1 count5
- D. Involuntary manslaughter
Completed: 1 count1
2 counts3
Attempted or conspired: 1 count(1)
- E. Involuntary manslaughter-vehicular 1 count8
- F. Aggravated vehicular manslaughter 1 count8

Score

9

Primary Offense Remaining Counts Total the maximum penalties for counts of the primary not scored above

- Years: 5 - 175
18 - 276
28 - 377
38 or more8

0

Additional Offenses Total the maximum penalties for additional offenses, including counts

- Years: Less than 10
1 - 74
8 - 175
18 - 276
28 - 377
38 or more8

8

Weapon Used

- None0
Automobile, simulated weapon or other than listed below4
Knife or firearm5

4

Conviction in Current Event Requiring Mandatory Minimum Term (6 mos or more) If YES, add 7

0

Prior Convictions/Adjudications Total the maximum penalties for the 5 most recent and serious prior record events

- Years: Less than 10
1 - 121
13 - 282
29 - 423
43 or more4

4

SCORE THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF PRIMARY OFFENSE AT CONVICTION IS
E OR F: INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER WITH A VEHICLE (§ 18.2-36.1(A) OR (B))

Prior Criminal Traffic Misdemeanor Convictions/Adjudications

- Number of Counts: 12
24
35
46
5 or more7

0

Total Score

25

If total is 7 or less, the guidelines sentence is Probation/No Incarceration or Incarceration to 6 Months. If total is 8 or more, go to Section C.

Murder/Homicide/Section A

Murder/Homicide Section C

Offender Name: FIELDS, JAMES ALEX

Primary Offense

Prior Record Classification
☐ Category I ☐ Category II ☒ Other

A. First degree murder		(scores for attempted/conspired offenses are in parentheses)		
Completed:	1 count	Life	596	335
	2 counts	Life	652	367
Attempted or conspired:	1 count	(120)	(118)	(59)
B. Second degree murder or felony homicide				
Completed:	1 count	354	236	205
Attempted or conspired:	1 count	(120)	(118)	(59)
C. Voluntary manslaughter				
Completed:	1 count	120	96	48
	2 counts	180	120	60
Attempted or conspired:	1 count	(60)	(48)	(24)
	2 counts	(96)	(48)	(24)
D. Involuntary manslaughter				
Completed:	1 count	76	38	19
Attempted or conspired:	1 count	(60)	(38)	(19)
E. Vehicular Involuntary manslaughter				
Completed:	1 count	80	40	20
	2 counts	232	116	58
	3 counts	320	160	80
Attempted or conspired:	1 count	(60)	(38)	(19)
F. Aggravated vehicular manslaughter 1 count		213	142	71

Score

335

or

☐ Life

Primary Offense Remaining Counts

Assign points to each count of the primary not scored above and total the points

Primary offense:

A. Completed first degree murder

Maximum Penalty (years)	Points
Life	34

Primary offense: All other offenses

Maximum Penalty (years)	Points
5	5
10	11
20	21
40	42

0

Additional Offenses

Assign points to each additional offense (including counts) and total the points

Primary offense:

A. Completed first degree murder

Maximum Penalty (years)	Points
Less than 1	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	3
5	4
10	9
20	17
30	26
40 or more	34

Primary offense: All other offenses

Maximum Penalty (years)	Points
Less than 1	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
10	11
20	21
30	32
40 or more	42

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Prior Convictions/Adjudications

Assign points to the 5 most recent and serious prior record events and total the points

Primary offense:

A. Completed first degree murder

Maximum Penalty (years)	Points
Less than 1	0
1, 2	1
3	2
4, 5	3
10	7
20	14
30	20
40 or more	27

Primary offense: All other offenses

Maximum Penalty (years)	Points
Less than 2	0
2, 3	1
4, 5	2
10	3
20	6
30	10
40 or more	13

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Weapon Used, Brandished, Feigned or Threatened

Primary offense:

A. Completed first degree murder

If YES, add 32

Primary offense: All other offenses

Do Not Score

32

Legally Restrained at Time of Offense

Primary offense:

A. Completed first degree murder

If YES, add 13

Primary offense: All other offenses

If YES, add 2

0

SCORE THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF PRIMARY OFFENSE AT CONVICTION IS

E: INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER WITH A VEHICLE (§ 18.2-36.1(A))

Type of Additional Offense

Additional offense of felony Hit and Run (§ 46.2-894) or

Victim Permanently Impaired, DWI (§ 18.2-51.4(A))

37

0

Total Score

See Murder/Homicide Section C Recommendation Table for guidelines sentence range.

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Murder/Homicide/Section C



Additional Offenses

Continuation Sheet

Offender Name: _____

Offense	Counts	VCC	Offense Date		
			Month	Day	Year
3. FAIL STOP ACCIDENT/FEL DEATH	1	HIT 6608 F5	08	12	17
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